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RAJAKOVIC, Erich

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Austria Officials Hold Rajakovic, Alleged Collaborator of Eichmann

VIENNA, April 17 (AP) — Justice authorities today arrested Erich Rajakovic, alleged collaborator of Adolf Eichman, 90 minutes after he showed up in Vienna's City Court building. He was held on suspicion of aiding and abetting the murder of Jews as an Austrian jurist in World War II.

He is accused in Holland of organizing the mass deportation of thousands of Jews.

Questioning of Rajakovic centered on his alleged role in the deportation of Jews from Austria as well as Holland. Many of these Jews perished in Nazi gas chambers.

If Rajakovic were convicted of aiding and abetting in the deportation he could get 10 to 20 years in prison under Aus-

trian law. Eichman was hanged in Israel last year for his role in the killing of millions of European Jews.

"I was surprised," said Rajakovic's lawyer, Johann Dostal, when informed of the arrest.

Rajakovic apparently believed that he would only be questioned and then allowed to leave with instructions to keep authorities informed of his whereabouts.

Rajakovic, 58, was a businessman in Italy under the name Raja before newspapers began publishing stories about his alleged wartime activities. He disappeared but was found by Swiss police at his villa in Lugano.

He was expelled from Switzerland and flew to Munich. Police there lost track of him after his arrival last

Thursday. He entered Austria yesterday, apparently unseen by police who were instructed to watch for him.

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